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Appendix III.

[Vide answer to question No. 201 asked by Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th September 1928, page 350 supra.]

G.O. Mis. No. 2314, Revenue, dated 16th November 1927.

Read—the following papers :—

G.O. Mis. No. 1516, dated 3rd August 1927.

From the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement), dated 15th September 1927, Ref. B. No. 1321/27-3.

Order—Mis. No. 2314, *Revenue, dated* 16*th November* 1927.

The amendments to Board's Standing Order No. 87, Part I, clauses (i) and (ii) suggested by the Board of Revenue in its reference read above are approved as revised. A copy of the amendments as revised is appended to this order.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

J. F. Hall,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue and Settlement).

Appendix.

(i) Subject to the provision of Act I of 1858 it is the duty of the Revenue Department to keep all irrigation works in their charge reasonably efficient so as to forestall deterioration. All works necessary for the purpose, which are not executed by the ryots as kudimaramat works should be executed by the Minor Irrigation establishment except in those rare cases in which the Collector considers that the work requires such special technical skill and supervision as cannot be provided adequately by the Revenue Department. The maintenance of minor irrigation works by the Revenue Department will consist chiefly of the repair of masonry and earthwork and the reconstruction of damaged works. In cases where it would be useless to carry out repairs without providing new sluices, it is competent to the Revenue Department to construct such sluices in accordance with the standard plans furnished by the Public Works Department. Other improvements may similarly be executed to minor irrigation works. In all such instances full explanations of the new works showing their need and the revenue involved should be given in the reports accompanying the estimates. The Revenue Department may also carry out the restoration of works which have deteriorated by continued neglect provided that the cost is reasonable considering the revenue from the works.

The prohibition against the repair of tanks irrigating 10 acres and less is withdrawn.

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The Executive Engineers will assist the Revenue officers with their professional advice and help whenever necessary.

(ii) The detailed investigation of schemes for the restoration of abandoned works and the construction of new works will ordinarily be done by Tank Restoration Scheme parties or by the ordinary Public Works Department division, but Collectors should freely use the Minor Irrigation establishment for any preliminary investigation work. They should keep a list of schemes for new irrigation works and improvements to existing irrigation works, which may have come to their notice and, after making, through the agency of the Minor Irrigation staff, any preliminary investigation which seems necessary, apply for the investigation of promising schemes by the Executive Engineer. Schemes which the Minor Irrigation staff is competent to execute can be carried out as part of the Minor Irrigation programme after investigation by the Public Works Department.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 206 asked by Mr. A. Parasurama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th September 1928, page 353 supra.]

That the land shall be free of assessment for four years from the date of this cowle if planted with avaram, at the end of which period full assessment will be collected on the whole area. This assessment will be liable to revision at the periodical resettlement of the district.

2. That at least one-fourth of the area shall be planted every year from the date of this grant, the plantation of the whole extent being completed within four years from the date thereof. Such portion of the area as is not in the opinion of the Collector properly stocked at the expiry of the fourth year shall be given up.

3. That nothing but avaram shall be grown even after the fourth year without the Collector's permission.

4. That the grantee shall prevent the cutting of tree growth and shall pay at once the value of all scattered trees, if any, on the land.

5. That alienation of the land without the sanction of Government to a person other than a British subject or a subject of a Native State shall invalidate the grant.

6. That the grantee shall abide by the rules which are now in force or which may hereafter be prescribed by the Board of Revenue in regard to avaram cultivation.

7. That failure to cultivate or maintain cultivation to the satisfaction of the Collector or other officer deputed by him, as well as violation of any of the conditions specified above, will entail the resumption of the grant without compensation.